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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: LONG AN

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1. LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE LOWER HOUSE FROM LONG AN, ARVN CAPTAIN TRAN VAN MEO, WAS ASSASSINATED ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW AT MEO'S HOME ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TAN AN CITY EVENING OF OCTOBER 12. ALSO WOUNDED IN

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THE INCIDENT WAS AN OFFICIAL OF THE LONG AN REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION OF WHICH MEO HAD BEEN CHIEF UNTIL HE TOOK LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO RUN FOR LOWER

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HOUSE.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, MEO WAS S STRONG CONTENDER FOR ONE OF LONG AN'S TWO LOWER HOUSE SEATS. HS IS SAID TO HAVE HAD BACKING OF MOST OF LOCAL TAN DAI VIETS, RD WORKERS IN LONG AN, AND LONG AN CVT ORGANIZATION. ASSASSINS ARE AS YET UNKNOWN; ALTHOUGH IT IS MOST LIKELY THEY WERE VC, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOME OTHER GROUP, PERHAPS RIVAL TDV (TWO OTHER TDV MEMBERS ARE ALSO IN THE LONG AN RACE), WERE INVOLVED. BUNKER

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